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generating a signal when the checking step determines that the command is not being correctly performed; and

controlling barrier movement in response to the generated signal.

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18. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling a movable barrier operator, the apparatus comprising:

a controller for sending commands to a movement control apparatus specifying one of open, close, or stop movement of the barrier;

the movement control apparatus for controlling barrier movement in response to the commands sent by the controller and in response to signals generated by a fault identifying apparatus; and

the fault identifying apparatus for checking the movement control apparatus to determine whether the command sent from the controller is being correctly performed and for generating a signal when the command is not being correctly performed.

15. (Amended) In a movable barrier operator comprising a movement control apparatus for controlling movement of a barrier in response to commands, the method comprising:

sending a command to the movement control apparatus specifying one of open, close, or stop movement of the barrier;

checking the movement control apparatus to determine whether the command is being correctly performed; [and]

generating a signal when the checking step determines that the command is not being correctly performed; and

controlling barrier movement in response to the generated signal.

18. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling a movable barrier operator, the apparatus comprising: